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SUMMARY: ECON COUNSELOR SPOKE BY PHONE WITH DIRGEN SICAT (WHO PREVIOUSLY UNAVAILABLE) APRIL 18 AND ARRANGED MEETING FOR WEEK OF APRIL 21 TO FURTHER DISCUSS PROBLEM. SICAT GAVE ASSURANCES THAT PD 400 BEING IMPLEMENTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS AND THAT GOP SEEKING TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT ONLY ONE REPRINTER AUTHORIZED. EMBASSY HAS BEEN FURNISHED COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE WHICH ALBERT HAS SENT GOP OFFICIALS. EMBASSY DOUBTFUL THAT CURRENT ALBERT TACTICS ARE HELPFUL TO HIS CAUSE AND RECOMMENDS AS IN PAST THAT HE TAKE SICAT ROLE AND SENSITIVITY MORE INTO ACCOUNT. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP WITH SICAT IN COMING WEEK. END SUMMARY.

1. ECON COUNSELOR SPOKE BY PHONE WITH SICAT APRIL 18, FIRST OPPORTUNITY THAT PRESENTED ITSELF SUBSEQUENT TO RECEIPT OF REFTEL. REASON FOR WAITING FOR AVAILABILITY OF SICAT IS THAT ALTHOUGH PD400 COMMITTEE IS COMPOSED OF FOUR GOP OFFICIAL S SICAT IS PRIME MOVER AND OTHERS WILL NOT ACT WITHOUT HIS OK.

2. SICAT ASSURED ECON COUNSELOR THAT PD 400 WAS BEING IMPLEMENTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS AND
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THAT GOP WAS MAKING BEST EFFORT ASSURE ONE REPRINTER

ONLY AUTHORIZED. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION CONCERNING
ALBERT DECEMBER 7. MEMO SICAT POINTED OUT THAT WHAT
ALBERT ASKING WAS THAT COMMITTEE BE WATCHDOG WHICH IT
NOT EMPOWERED TO DO. THAT FUNCTION RESERVED TO IMPLEMENTING
AGENCY; IN THIS CASE NATIONAL LIBRARY.

3. SICAT ALSO MENTIONED THAT HE HAD SEEN DEC. 7 MEMO
BUT HAD NOT SOUGHT TO REPLY BECAUSE HE FELT QUESTIONS
HYPOTHETICAL AND NOT AMENABLE TO ANSWER WITHOUT CONCRETE
CIRCUMSTANCES.

4. SICAT INVITED ECON COUNSELOR TO MAKE APPOINTMENT
DURING WEEK OF APRIL 21 TO FURTHER DISCUSS QUESTIONS
RAISED BY ALBERT.

5. COMMENT: ALBERT HAS BEEN IN LAOS AND CONTINUOUS
CORRESPONDENCE WITH HIS PALACE CONTACTS, IN
EFFECT SUGGESTING THAT SICAT IS THE SOURCE OF THE PROBLEM
EXHORTING THE PRESIDENT TO BRING SICAT INTO
LINE ON ENFORCEMENT OF PD-400. THIS CORRESPONDENCE
SEEMS FAMILIAR TO SICAT AND PROBABLY HAS MADE HIM
LESS THAN EAGER TO DISCUSS SUBJECT (CORRESPONDENCE
POUCHED EA/PHL). EMBASSY WILL PURSUE MATTER FULLY WITH
SICAT IN MEETING NEXT WEEK AND WILL SEEK BOTH A FULLER
UNDERSTANDING OF THE FACTS AND HOPEFULLY A SOLUTION.
REQUEST DEPARTMENT IN MEANTIME SUGGEST THAT ALBERT
COORDINATE HIS EFFORTS WITH EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT IN
THE INTEREST PARTICULARLY OF KEEPING THE DOOR OPEN TO
A POSSIBLY CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITH SICAT.
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